

BEFORE THE TENNESSEE REGULATORY AUTHORITY

NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE

May 31, 2002

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**GENERIC DOCKET TO CONSIDER
GEOGRAPHIC DEAVERAGING**

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**DOCKET NO.
01-00339**

ORDER SETTING PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE

This docket came before the Pre-Hearing Officer to establish a procedural schedule. On April 24, 2002, the Pre-Hearing Officer issued a notice setting the date and time for a status conference and stating that the purpose of the conference was to establish a procedural schedule. Pursuant to the notice, the Pre-Hearing Officer convened the status conference on May 31, 2002 at 9:00 a.m. Those in attendance were:

MCI WorldCom Communications, Inc., MCImetro Access Transmission Services LLC, Brooks Fiber Communications of Tennessee, Inc. (collectively "WorldCom") - **Henry Walker**, Esquire, Boulton, Cummings, Connors & Berry, 414 Union Street, #1600, P.O. Box 198062, Nashville, TN 37219-8062 and **Susan J. Berlin**, Esquire, WorldCom Inc., Six Concourse Parkway, Suite 3200, Atlanta, GA 30328 and

BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. ("BellSouth") - **Joelle Phillips**, Esquire, 333 Commerce Street, 22nd Floor, Nashville, TN 37201-3300.

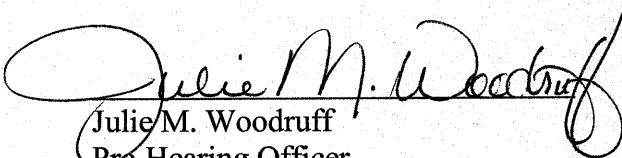
After discussing certain preliminary matters, the Pre-Hearing Officer asked for comments on what procedures were needed to advance this docket to hearing. BellSouth expressed a need to submit discovery, while WorldCom stated that discovery was not necessary. In addition, these parties explained that, in other jurisdictions, parties had submitted a joint deaveraging proposal, but that they had not yet reached such an agreement. In order to provide all parties a fair

opportunity to obtain necessary information for the filing of testimony and to facilitate the negotiations of a joint deaveraging proposal, the Pre-Hearing Officer set forth the following procedural schedule:

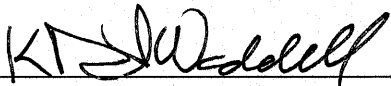
- Proposed Protective Order Signed by All Parties **Thursday, June 14, 2002**
- Discovery Requests
- Joint or Separate Clarification of Comments¹
- Responses to Discovery Requests **Monday, July 1, 2002**
- Pre-Filed Direct Testimony **Monday, July 8, 2002**
- Pre-Filed Rebuttal Testimony **Monday, July 15, 2002**

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED THAT:

All filings shall be made in accordance with the procedural schedule set forth above. Filings shall be filed in the Executive Secretary's office by 2:00 p.m. on the specified date as provided for in Authority Rule 1220-1-1-.11 and served on each of the parties pursuant to Authority Rule 1220-1-1-.10. Testimony of witnesses shall be filed individually, separately paginated, and contain the caption of the case on the first page.


Julie M. Woodruff
Pre-Hearing Officer

ATTEST:


K. David Waddell, Executive Secretary

¹ During the status conference, the Pre-Hearing Officer explained that clarification of the parties' positions on the issues of which element rates should be deaveraged and whether only recurring rates should be deaveraged was necessary to determine whether there was agreement among the parties on these issues. The parties agreed during the conference that they would provide the clarification, although a specific due date was not discussed.